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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/14/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 41-59 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/15/06, 6/15/07
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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The election without traverse is noted. Claims 41-59 are withdrawn.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchitani et al. 6194344.

The reference teaches, especially in col. 18-20, controlling the crystal structure of a carbon material of the claimed pore distribution. The crystallinity may be optimized, hence making essentially pure crystalline material is an obvious expedient; In re Boesch 205 USPQ 215. While not teaching conductivity or other properties, no differences are seen due to the similarity of the structure.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Bell et al. 6297293.

The reference teaches, in columns 5-6 in particular, a carbon material of uniform pore size. While not teaching the crystallinity or other parameters, it teaches a similar

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synthesis (furfural alcohol polymer and a surfactant) and thus is expected to possess the structural features. No difference is seen in the product.

Claims 1-15, 19-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ryoo 6585948.

Ryoo teaches in col. 5 material of uniform pore size 3 nm. The crystallinity may be optimized, hence making essentially pure crystalline material is an obvious expedient; In re Boesch 205 USPQ 215. While not teaching conductivity or other properties, no differences are seen due to the similarity of the structure.

Claims 1-14, 19-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Bilenko 6936234.

The reference teaches in col. 2 a crystalline microporous material. While not teaching conductivity or other properties, no differences are seen due to the similarity of the structure.

The references cited (particularly Knox, Peng and Hucke) are noted, but not applied to avoid duplication of rejection. It is presumed that applicants drafted the claims to avoid these references, and applicants are encouraged to verify this.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Hendrickson at telephone number (571) 272-1351.

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